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SUBJ: USE OF SACCHARIN IN GREECE

REF: STATE 063338

FOR FDA

1. SACCHARIN IS A STATE MONOPOLY ITEM CONTROLLED BY THE MONOPOLIES SECTION OF THE GREEK MINISTRY OF FINANCE.
2. PARA 5 OF ARTICLE 69 OF THE 1971 GREEK CODE OF FOODS, BEVERAGES AND ARTICLES OF COMMON USE, PROVIDES THAT USE OF SACCHARIN IN THE PRODUCTION OF FOODS AND BEVERAGES IS ABSOLUTELY PROHIBITED EXCEPT IN SPECIAL CASES INVOLVING PRIOR APPROVAL OF THE STATE CHEMICAL LABORATORY AND OF THE SUPREME BOARD OF HYGIENE.
3. ACCORDING TO VERBAL STATEMENTS OF OFFICIALS OF THE STATE CHEMICAL LABORATORY AND OF THE MONOPOLIES SECTION, NO APPROVALS ARE BEING GIVEN FOR THE LOCAL PRODUCTION OF FOOD PRODUCTS CONTAINING SACCHARIN.
4. SACCHARIN FOR THE PRODUCTION OF DRUGS AND MEDICINAL PREPARATIONS IS PROVIDED BY THE STATE MONOPOLY FOLLOWING APPROVAL OF THE GREEK MINISTRY OF SOCIAL SERVICES BASED, IN EACH CASE, ON A STATE DRUG CONTROL LABORATORY (SDCL) DECISION. SACCHARIN IN TABLETS IS SOLD IN PHARMACIES ON PRESCRIPTION ONLY.
5. ACCORDING TO VERBAL STATEMENT OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE

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DRUGS AND PHARMACIES DEPARTMENT OF THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL SERVICES, THE LATTER PLANS TO REQUEST OFFICIAL CLARIFICATION FROM SDCL CONCERNING THE HARMFUL EFFECTS OF SACCHARIN AS THESE WERE WIDELY REPORTED IN THE LOCAL PRESS.  
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